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SUBJECT: CURRENT SITUATION IN PDRY

1. ON DEC 25 FONMIN ABDULLAH AL-ASNAJ TOLD ME THAT ACCORDING TO RECENT REPORTS THE CURRENT SITUATION IN ADEN IS BAD AND IS "DETERIORATING". HE SAID THAT DURING THE LAST TWELVE DAYS TWO LARGE EXPLOSIONS OCCURRED IN LAHIJ WITH APPARENTLY MUCH DAMAGE AND AN INDETERMINATE NUMBER OF PEOPLE KILLED AND WOUNDED. ANOTHER EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN MUALLA PORT ALLEGEDLY CAUSING OVER HALF MILLION DINARS DAMAGE TO THE FACILITIES THERE. FINALLY APPROXIMATELY SIX TO EIGHT TEEN-AGED STUDENTS WERE KILLED IN THE LAST FEW DAYS AS THEY ATTEMPTED TO FLEE ACROSS THE BORDER TO NORTH YEMEN.

2. ASNAJ SURMISED THAT THESE EVENTS MAY BE RELATED TO RECENT MILITARY REVERSES SUFFERED BY THE PDRY BACKED DHOFAR REBELS WITH RESULTANT DISSATISFACTION AND
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DISILLUSIONMENT WITHIN ADEN ITSELF.

3. ASNAJ CONTINUED THAT DURING PRESIDENT HAMDI'S RECENT VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA THE SAUDIS DISCUSSED THE PDRY SITUATION IN GENERAL TERMS INFORMING THE YEMENI SIDE THAT SAUDI ARABIA IS PREPARED TO RESUME RELATIONS WITH PDRY BUT ONLY IF PDRY CHANGES ITS INTERNAL POLICIES, CEASES SUPPORTING THE DHOFAR REBELS AND DESISTS FROM SABOTAGE AGAINST OTHER NEIGHBORING STATES. ASNAJ ADDED THAT SINCE RETURNING FROM SAUDI ARABIA HE HAS HEARD RUMORS THAT KING KHALID MAY MEET WITH PRESIDENT RUBAY'I IN KUWAIT. ASNAJ HAD NO FURTHER DETAILS AND WAS NOT CERTAIN THAT THIS MEETING WOULD IN FACT OCCUR. SCOTES

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